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1. On the occasion of Andrei Gromyko's Berlin talks with Walter Ulbricht, Wilhelm Pieck, and Franz Dähle, he gave information to Ulbricht about the Paris Conference with the Western Allies.* Gromyko stated that the breakdown of negotiations was the result of the alignment of French views with those held by the United States and Great Britain. The French objection to the inclusion of Germany in Western rearmament had been one of the most important Soviet policy considerations. Gromyko stated that the USSR was interested in the prolongation of the Paris talks but that French public opinion was increasingly subjected to U.S. pressure to obtain quick and active German participation. The conclusion of the Paris talks, however, was not brought about by Moscow in spite of this U.S. pressure, and it would not have been brought about at all had the United States not suddenly faced France with an "either-or" proposition.
2. According to Gromyko, Moscow will now encourage and support every French objection to German remilitarization. In line with this policy, the USSR wants France excluded from Communist sponsored anti-Western polemics.
3. Gromyko apparently was not sure how the question of a Foreign Ministers conference would be clarified. He felt that sooner or later the Soviets would agree to a conference. For this reason, the USSR is willing to keep the doors open for further talks.
4. Gromyko advised the East German Government to continue its anti-remilitarization drive against West Germany. Ulbricht replied that Eastern propaganda faces a dilemma since the SPD has usurped the DDR's two main propaganda points, namely anti-remilitarization and anti-Schuman Plan propaganda.

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